

August 7, 2017  
Regular Session

The Regular Session of the Greensboro City Council was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Council Members present were Mr. McWhorter, Ms. Wynn, Mr. Miller, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Lewis.

Ms. Wynn opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Moore made a motion to adopt the July 17, 2017 Regular Session Minute as presented, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Miller abstaining.

Mr. McWhorter made a motion to adopt the July 17, 2017 Executive Session minutes as presented, after a second by Ms. Wynn the motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Miller abstaining.

Chief Bashore updated the Mayor and Council on the Fire Department. He reported that the fire department has been chosen by the National Fire Council to participate in a fire program to help bring in donations to purchase safety materials for school kids. Last year over \$3800 was collected. There are currently 2 volunteers on probation and should be voted in by September. Chief Bashore advised the Mayor and Council that the building is in need of repairs due to leaks.

Bradley Lupton, President of the Chamber of Commerce, introduced himself to the Mayor and Council and thanked them for their support. He discussed the day to day operations of the Chamber. He stated there has been many visitors to stop by as a result of several articles in the Atlanta Constitution newspaper. Bradley explained the purpose of the Leadership Programs and many other Services and Events that the Chamber provides. HE presented a road closure request for the Taste N Jam which will be held on October 23 in downtown. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the road closure request as presented and close downtown street for the Taste N Jam, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve a special events beer and wine permit for Festival Hall for an event to be held August 25, after a second by Mr. Lewis the motion passed 5-0.

Cail Hammons discussed the Enterprise Zone Incentive and stated that it was established in 2013 to grant property owners in the Mary Leila Mill District special tax incentives. Cail is requesting that the city offer Oconee Brewing Company free ad valorem taxes for a period of 5 years as a special tax incentive. Mr. McWhorter made a motion to approve the request, after a second by Ms. Wynn the motion passed 5-0.

Cail Hammons explained that there were extra funds leftover from the 2014 CHIP grant. The original grant totaled \$300,000. There is currently around \$30,000 remaining. DCA is allowing an extension to the 2014 grant for small project renovations through July 2018. Mr. Moore made a motion authorizing Mayor Wright to execute an agreement for the amendment to the 2014 CHIP grant, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the Fair Housing Market Plans for the Chip Grant, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Plan, after a second by Ms. Wynn the motion passed 5-0.

Section 3 of the CHIP grant states that the contractors will reach out to low income people for employment etc. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve Section 3 as presented, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve a resolution to adopt the policies and procedures for the 2017 CHIP grant and authorize Mayor Wright to sign all documents, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to hire Gilbert and Associates as the grant Administrators for the 2017 CHIP grant, after a second by Ms. Wynn the motion passed 5-0.

The first reading of the ordinance to amend Chapter 107 Historic Preservation was done.

The first reading of the ordinance to amend Chapter 12 Alcoholic Beverages was done.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve budget amendments for FY 2016 and FY 2017, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **New Business**

Mr. Lewis presented and read a letter to the Mayor and Council addressing his concerns for the budget process and proposed having budget meetings. In his letter he stated that since the Police Department has the largest budget he began to explore possible alternative solutions. He stated that he contacted Sheriff Harrison to present a proposal to offer 24 hour coverage to the city of Greensboro with deputies dedicated solely to the city. A proposal was presented to him possibly saving the city around \$900,000 annually. No action was taken

#### **Public Comments**

Commissioner Smith addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the Service Delivery Strategy for Recreation and Library Services and stated that he thought it would be a savings for the city and urged the council to sign off on the agreement. No action was taken.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to enter Executive Session, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 5-0.

No action was taken in Executive Session 1 Real Estate matter and 1 Legal matter was discussed. Mr. Lewis made a motion authorizing Mayor Wright to sign an affidavit regarding Executive session, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business Mr. McWhorter closed the meeting with prayer.